

5 METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
IMPLEMENTING A PROGRESS REPORTING
INTERFACE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 Methods and apparatus for providing a progress associated with an
executing process are disclosed. A progress report is generated in a progress
reporting language, the progress reporting language indicating a progress of
one or more steps in the executing process. The progress report is then
provided to a user interface mechanism capable of interpreting the progress
15 reporting language, where the user interface mechanism is adapted for
generating a user interface indicating the progress of the one or more steps in
the executing process. The user interface mechanism receives the progress
report, ascertains the progress of the steps in the executing process from the
progress report, and generates a user interface indicating the progress of the
20 steps in the executing process.